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If Rumors Were Horses

Well, it looks like the Elsevier-Pergamon buyout went through. However, there's a lot more to the story than that. See this issue for related stories (pages 36-38)

And — there are changes at Pergamon! As we hear it, 40 out of 150 people are being let go; in fact June 7 was the last day of work for 39 Pergamonites. One of the casualties is the wonderful, magnificent Inge Valentine. Inge is currently looking for a job. Any help out there?

Guess what? The rumor we printed about Jim Smith at Faxon seems to have caused a flap — not that it was wrong or anything, just that Jim is still Vice President and Director of Academic Information Service Center until a successor is chosen. Once that happens, Jim will become Vice President for Sales & Market Development for Faxon. And of course we all know that the always smiling, good humored and fun to be around Smith doesn't step down from anything unless it's a step up.

And Dana Alessi continues to wend her way up the corporate ladder — getting more and more experience. Now she's becoming a Southerner, moving to Charlotte, N.C., and learning how to say words like "hey." She has become Director of Eastern Sales to schools and public libraries and will be responsible for 12 reps, and 17 territories. Congratulations, Dana, but don't lose touch with all of us!

And it's out, the official News Release about Deana Astle and Charles A. Hamaker winning the Bowker/Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award (we told you about that, way back when, in v.3 #1; do you remember?) for "their outstanding

achievements and accomplishments in the field of serials librarianship." Congratulations again, Deana and Chuck.

I talked to Dimi Berkner the other day and she is thriving at Columbia University Press. One thing that she's getting ready to release is *Granger's Index to Poetry* on CD-ROM which looks pretty good. Included will be 850 poems and 150 anthologies (full text), searchable by key word. For the college libraries out there, this sounds great, especially for the \$599 introductory offer. Look for it at ALA in Atlanta.

Chuck Hamaker is well after three weeks in a hospital where they had to hold him down to make him be still and relax. Take care of yourself, Chuck!

Richard Meyer (once of Clemson University fame) has been named Director of Libraries at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Jennifer Cargill has been named Director of Libraries at Louisiana State University effective July 1, 1991.

And Charleston Conference alumnus Susan Campbell (York College of PA) is going to England this summer. Have a blast, Susan! Can you buy us some pounds while you're over there?

And the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) and Marcia Tuttle, editor of the electronic *Newsletter on Serials Pricing Issues* have announced a transfer of responsibility for the newsletter. Effective in May, Marcia began issuing the newsletter on an independent basis. Little else has changed (maybe we should say

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